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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ESTC, SF
SUBJECT: PRE-LICENSE CHECKS: DIGITAL CIRCUIT TESTER FOR
BONAVION

REF: (A) STATE 126441; (B) PRETORIA 4320

1. G.W. WARD, GENERAL MANAGER OF ATLAS AIRCRAFT, HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY CONCERNING ORDER FOR NEW ATLAS SUBSIDIARY, BONAVION.
2. WARD SAID ATLAS HAS BEEN CONSCIOUS OF GROWING NEED FOR DIGITAL TYPE EQUIPMENT FOR NC MACHINE CONTROLLING, CIVIL AVIATION AND OTHER AREAS, ESPECIALLY SINCE FIRM IS INTO NC MACHINING IN SMALL WAY ITSELF. IMPLIED THAT ATLAS HAD A MISSION OF HELPING TO UPGRADE LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY IN SOUTH AFRICA AND TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO GO INTO MORE ADVANCED FIELDS. SAID BONAVION IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL CIVIL SUBSIDIARIES AND ACTIVITIES OF ATLAS.
3. WARD SAID BONAVION HAS JUST BEEN FORMED AND SITE FOR IT HAS BEEN SEMI-SELECTED BUT DELAYS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN RECEIPT OF EQUIPMENT. HE FORESAW NO PROBLEMS IN INSPECTION OF PLANT WHEN IT CAME INTO OPERATION.

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4. WARD SAID ATLAS ONLY WORKS ON AIRPLANE ENGINES AND AIRFRAMES WITH SA MILITARY DOING ALL ITS OWN ELECTRONICS. BONAVION WAS THEREFORE NOT INTENDED TO SUPPORT ATLAS WORK IN AIRCRAFT FIELD. HE EXPECTED BONAVION'S CUSTOMERS WOULD BE IN CIVIL AREA BUT COULD NOT RULE OUT TAKING ON WORK RELATED TO MILITARY PRODUCTION IF THEY WERE APPROACHED.

5. COMMENT: WARD EXHIBITED FAIRLY OPEN ATTITUDE AND SEEMED TO FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING END-USE CERTIFICATIONS AND PERMITTING INSPECTIONS. AS WE READ EAG/75, IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY RULE OUT CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR AN END-USE IN CIVIL SECTOR EVEN IF POSSIBILITY EXISTED OF INCIDENTAL USAGE IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY PRODUCTION.

6. SENSITIVITY OF EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION AND PLAUSIBILITY OF WARD'S EXPLANATIONS, WHICH WE ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO ASSESS, WOULD OF COURSE BE ADDITIONAL FACTORS.

7. REQUEST ADVICE SOONEST ON LIKELIHOOD AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THIS EQUIPMENT COULD BE LICENSED.
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